



At the F.W.I.O. Board Meeting. Left to right: Mrs. Gerald Holder, Secretary - Treasurer; Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, President; Mrs. Jas. Haggerty, President F.W.I.C.; Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Extension.

by 568 branches. 678 branches contributed \$781.39 to the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund. Pennies for Friendship is a continuing fund through which branches may collect and forward monies to further the work of A.C.W.W. The sum of \$1,564.00 had been sent in by 113 branches and districts. 311 branches had contributed \$1,300.00 to the fund for extension of Women's Institute in the Northwest Territories. To the International Scholarship Fund, 319 branches had contributed a total of \$9,849.00.

Mrs. Holder spoke of the amount of work done by Miss Montgomery at the F.W.I.O. office; also the extra help arranged for by Miss McKercher. In addition to the mail sent out from the office, 484 pieces of mail had gone out from her home. Substituting for Mrs. Lymburner when a brief was presented to the Minister of Education had been an interesting experience.

The program for the Officers' Conference was reviewed. To date there were 497 applications and 33 cancellations. It was decided that the 1963 Conference be for secretaries at branch and district level.

Home Economics Extension Service

"One thing above all else that will govern extension programs of the future will be the needs of those we are privileged to serve," said Miss Helen M. McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Service. In expressing her pleasure in working with F.W.I.O., Miss McKercher suggested that we try to include the Indian Homemaking Clubs in F.W.I.O. work and activities. The problems of financing an expanding program were discussed and it was suggested that, as the Department of Agriculture pays the rent of halls where needed for leader training schools and Summary Days, interested members might influence school boards to make such halls available free of charge. The services of the Home Economics Service are available to all members in the community, not just to Women's Institute members, so this could be a real community project.

New Home Economists have been added to the staff as diamond rings continue to take their toll. Miss McKercher announced a new clothing training school for 1963, "More About Finishes", which is a follow-up for those who took "Focus On Finishes". If a course has to be cancelled it is requested that the Home Economics Service office be notified so that no instructor may arrive to find no one in attendance. Summary Day is quite optional and does not have to be a necessary part of any course or training school.

Asking for suggestions and constructive criticism, and reviewing the increased number of people taking short courses, Miss McKercher suggested that TV videograph tapes might be used to reach a larger audience. The regular broadcasts by Miss Ruth Moyle reach a large listening audience and bring valuable information right into the home. This kind of program could be extended and intensified. "Are more Workshops needed at district level?" the Director asked. The Department will increase the number of training schools if this is necessary. 503 short courses had been given, with an audience of 8,682 persons; 1,686 4-H Homemaking Clubs were sponsored, with a membership of 15,972; 71 training schools were held, with 610 groups taking part, involving 5,506 women. In addition 169 Junior training schools were held. With regard to the giving of gifts to 4-H Club members upon completion of club projects, Miss McKercher questioned the need or necessity of this, as full recognition is given by the Department. Often the giving of gifts by Women's Institute branches is looked upon as a premium, whereas, the girls are really gaining much valuable knowledge in taking part in 4-H Club work.

The Department has been glad to assist in the 65th Anniversary Celebration by assuming the expenses of Mrs. Haven Smith and by paying for the birthday cake. A tape recording of Mrs. Haven Smith's address had been made and is available for loan from the Loan Library, Home Economics Service.

A vast amount of mimeographing is done for F.W.I.O.; the printing and distribution of